Project Philosophy
We offer students, teachers and community members, participating in our programs, the opportunity to work for world peace through establishing bricks and mortar capital projects designed to offer the women and children of Afghanistan the prospect of an equitable education free from the twin evils of terrorism and extremism.

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“We’re Building Schools For Afghan Children So They Can Build Futures For Themselves.”
Dear Volunteer:

Living in Afghanistan as a member of the US Peace Corps from 1972 to 1975, I experienced many of the wonderful cultural, historical and human treasures of this ancient land. I stood at the feet of the great Buddhas of Bamiyan in the central highlands. (pictured right), I walked through the ruins of ancient Balkh, the “Mother of Cities,” trekked the snow-capped peaks of the Hindu Kush Mountain range, and enjoyed the friendship of one of the world’s most hospitable people.

This past summer I had the opportunity to return to my former host country to implement programs designed to establish educational equity in Afghanistan. We were able to put programs in place that empowered over two thousand women and children by providing vocational and educational training.

In the years following the defeat of the Soviet Union by the Afghan resistance, which provided the “hot-point” for our Cold War victory over communism, the world community decreased aid to this war ravaged nation, lost interest in the needs of the Afghan people, and abandoned them to the mercy of extremists. The culmination of these diplomatic miscalculations resulted in the attacks of September 11, 2001.

While American students did not cause these problems you have inherited them. Now the torch has been passed to you. You must carry it forward; you must take action. Now it is your responsibility to wage peace. We can show you how.

Sincerely,

Anthony Agnello
Advisor, Orchard Park Educational Outreach

Keeping Our Promise to the Women and Children of Afghanistan.

What has OP Educational Outreach done recently?

Orchard Park Educational Outreach, (OPEO) is the successful prototype project that is serving as a model for other sister school projects.

OPEO cosponsored a sister school project in Sarab with the Buffalo Teachers Federation.

OPEO advised the Western New York Girls School Coalition in their successful effort to build and sustain a sister school in Kandahar.

OPEO is currently advising a sister school committee in Washington dedicated to a school construction project for Afghan girls.

Summer Projects in Afghanistan completed July & August 2003:

OP Outreach Funded a “Catch Up” school for girls in Kabul, through AID Afghanistan.

We sponsored PARSA, a women’s Vocational training program in Kabul.

Through Afghans for Civil Society, we supported the Buffalo Girls School Coalition’s construction of the Zarghuna Middle School in Kandahar.

OPEO built a school in Ghazni province for minority Shiia girls, in cooperation with School of Hope.

How can OP Educational Outreach, Schools and Futures project help me and my organization?

- By providing step by step information showing how your organization can actively duplicate successful student efforts that have completed projects in Afghanistan.

- By helping you establish a completely independent program.

- By helping you contact knowledgeable and experienced speakers who can provide information about recent Afghan history and its role in the war on terrorism.

- By helping you make contact with U.S. based organizations that can put the project that you envision on the ground in Afghanistan.